

PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has tentatively approved the solid waste landfill permit program of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires States/Territories/Commonwealth to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) will comply with the revised Federal Criteria (40 CFR Part 258). RCRA Section 4005(c)(1)(C) requires the U.S. EPA to determine whether States have adequate permit programs for MSWLFs.

On October 8, 1993, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico submitted an application for a full program adequacy determination. The U.S. EPA has reviewed Puerto Rico's application and certain revisions thereto, and made a tentative determination that all portions of Puerto Rico's MSWLF permit program are adequate to ensure compliance with the revised Federal Criteria. This tentative determination was announced in the Federal Register on March 23, 1994, and the public comment period began on that date.

Puerto Rico's application and its revisions are available for public review between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the following two addresses: U.S. EPA Caribbean Field Office, 1413 Fernandez Juncos Avenue, Office 2A, Santurce, Puerto Rico, 00909, telephone (809) 729-6922 extension 222, and U.S. EPA Region II Library, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 402, New York, New York, 10278, telephone (212) 264-2881. Written Comments should be sent to Mr. Carl-Axel P. Soderberg, Director of the U.S. EPA Caribbean Field Office at the above address and must be received by the close of business on May 12, 1994.

The U.S. EPA will hold four public hearings on its tentative decision. Two hearings will be held on May 11, 1994 at the Solid Waste Management Authority located at 268 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Puerto Rico Home Mortgage Building, 6th Floor, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Two additional hearings will be held on May 12, 1994 at the Mayagüez City Hall located on Peral Street at the corner of Mckinley in front of Plaza de Colon, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. On each of these dates, the first hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the second hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Jenine Tankoos, Environmental Specialist, U.S. EPA, Region II, Hazardous and Solid Waste Programs Branch, Air and Waste Management Division, (212) 264-1369.